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Title: HIGH-DURABILITY NON-WOVEN FABRIC  
WITH MELANGE APPEARANCE AND METHOD  
FOR MANUFACTURE

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed 05 August 2005,  
Applicants offer the following provisional election with traverse.

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute in this Patent  
Application the allegedly distinct species of Group I (i.e., Claims 1-11), drawn to a  
nonwoven fabric.

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With regard to the allegedly distinct species of Group II (i.e., Claims 12-17), Applicants urge that the claims of Group II are dependent on the claims of Group I, and comprise a process that cannot be used to make any other materially different product from that claimed in Group I.

In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of restriction between the inventions of Group I and Group II is respectfully requested.

### **Conclusion**

Applicants believe the above remarks are fully responsive to the Office Action mailed 05 August 2005. Should the Examiner detect any remaining issue, Applicants kindly request the Examiner to contact the undersigned, preferably by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. D. Erickson'.

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